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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON TERRORISM

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC, SEPTEMBER 30, I EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT THE KIDNAPPING OF THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN THE NETHERLANDS HAD BEEN RESOLVED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S LIFE HAD NOT BEEN ENDANGERED.

2. WITHOUT HESITATION CHIRAC SAID THAT IF SUCH AN EVENT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN FRANCE, "I SHALL NOT DO THE SAME. I WILL BE HARDER." THE PRIME MINISTER THEN EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THE DUTCH PRIME MINISTER TO GET THE JAPANESE RED ARMY ACTIVISTS OUT OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY WITH THE INTENTION OF SHOOTING THEM DESPITE THE JEOPARDY IN WHICH THE HOSTAGES WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED.

3. WITH COLD DETERMINATION THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT IF THEY HAVE SUCH A SITUATION IN FRANCE THEY WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO SLAY THE PERPETRATORS DESPITE THE RISKS ENTAILED BY THE HOSTAGES IN SUCH A CIRCUM-STANCE.

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4. I URGED THE PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE A NEW LOOK
AT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO PREVENT TERRORISM --
TO STUDY IN DEPTH THE WHOLE EQUATION. THE PRIME
MINISTER SAID THAT HE AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE.
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